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PRESS RELEASE

THE SLEEP CENTER AT UINTAH BASIN HEALTHCARE RECEIVES PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

Exceeding Standards for Professional Health Care

June 30, 2014: The Sleep Center at Uintah Basin Healthcare recently received program accreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM). The Sleep Center is directed by Michael Catten, MD, ENT, and is located in the Uintah Basin Medical Center at 250 W 300 N in Roosevelt.

"The American Academy of Sleep Medicine congratulates The Sleep Center at Uintah Basin Healthcare on meeting the high standards required for receiving accreditation as a sleep disorders center," said Dr. Timothy Morgenthaler, AASM president. "The Sleep Center at Uintah Basin Healthcare is an important resource to the local medical community and will provide academic and scientific value in addition to the highest quality care for patients suffering from sleep disorders."

To receive accreditation for a five-year period, a sleep center must meet or exceed all standards for professional health care as designated by the AASM. These standards address core areas such as personnel, facility and equipment, policies and procedures, data acquisition, patient care, and quality assurance. Additionally, the sleep center's goals must be clearly stated and include plans for positively affecting the quality of medical care in the community it serves.

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine accredited a sleep disorders center for the first time in 1977. Today there are more than 2,500 AASM-accredited sleep centers across the country.

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine is a professional medical society for clinicians, researchers, and other health care providers in the field of sleep medicine. As the national accrediting body for sleep disorders centers, the AASM is dedicated to setting standards and promoting excellence in sleep medicine health care, education and research.

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Uintah Basin Healthcare is a community not-for-profit healthcare system, serving the Uintah Basin since 1944. Today, Uintah Basin Healthcare is the largest and most comprehensive rural-based healthcare system in the state of Utah.